

Remarks

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Office Action of September 29, 2009.

By the foregoing Amendment, claims 282-286 and 303 are cancelled.

After entry of the above Amendment, the following claims are pending in the application: 186-200, 202, 205-209, 211, 213, 214, 216-238, 240-251, 299-300, 305-309, 313-331.

Claims 186, 282-286, 303, 305, and 306, were the subject of prior restriction requirements and were compulsorily withdrawn by the Examiner. It is respectfully requested that these claims be rejoined in the application and allowed with other allowable claims.

Applicant submits a Terminal Disclaimer herewith to address any issues of double patenting in view of the Applicant's prior U.S. Patent 6,594,635.

Issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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